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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
SUMITO HASHIMOTO, ET AL. : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION
SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. APPLICATION :
(BASED ON PCT/JP03/16684)
FILED: HERewith :
FOR: SEAL STRUCTURE OF SOLID :
FEEDING SCREW, AND METHOD
OF MANUFACTURING REDUCED
METAL USING THE SEAL
STRUCTURE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Prior to a first examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.